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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: RETICLE MANIPULATORS AND RELATED METHODS FOR CONVEYING THIN,
 CIRCULAR RETICLES AS USED IN CHARGED-PARTICLE-BEAM
 MICROLITHOGRAPHY

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 18 pages of specification, 9 pages of claims, an abstract and a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ 5 sheet(s) of drawings.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to: Nikon Corporation and Sendai Nikon Corporation, a Recordation Cover Sheet, and the Recordal fee of \$40.00.
- ☒ A certified copy of Japanese patent application no. 2002-226927, filed August 5, 2002.

FILING FEE					
For	Claims Filed	Number Free	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
Total Claims	38	20	= 18	\$18.00	\$ 324.00
Independent Claims	4	3	= 1	\$84.00	\$ 84.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee				\$280.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE					\$1158.00

- ☒ Applicants claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of the earlier filing date of foreign application number 2002-226927, filed on August 5, 2002.
- ☒ Assignees for this application are or will be Nikon Corporation and Sendai Nikon Corporation, and applicants request that this information be listed on the published application.

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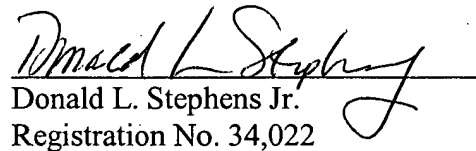
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- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,198.00 to cover ☒ filing fee and ☒ assignment recordal fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with the filing of this application and recording any assignment filed herewith, or credit over-payment, to Account No. 02-4550. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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